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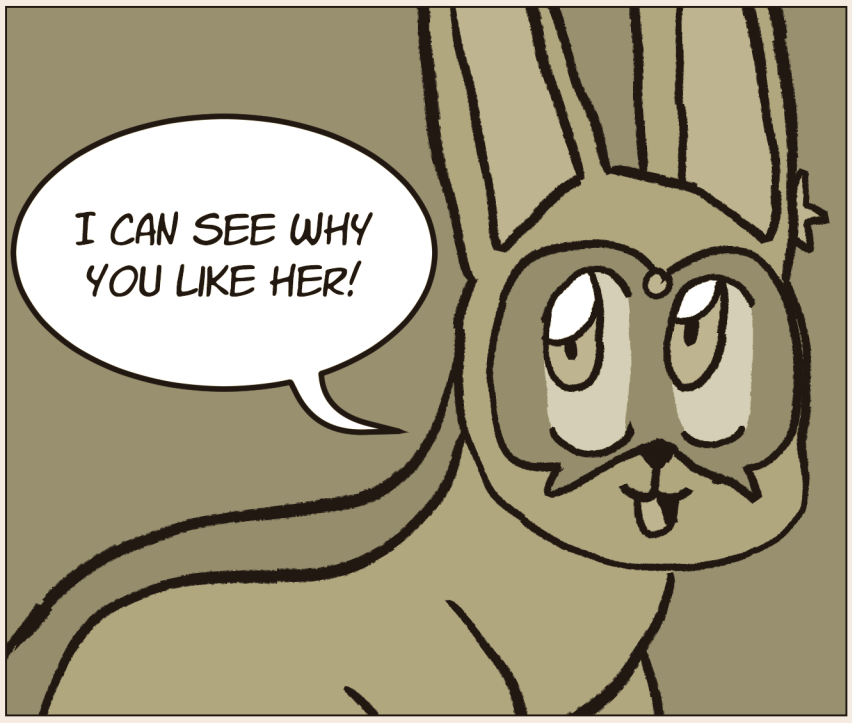
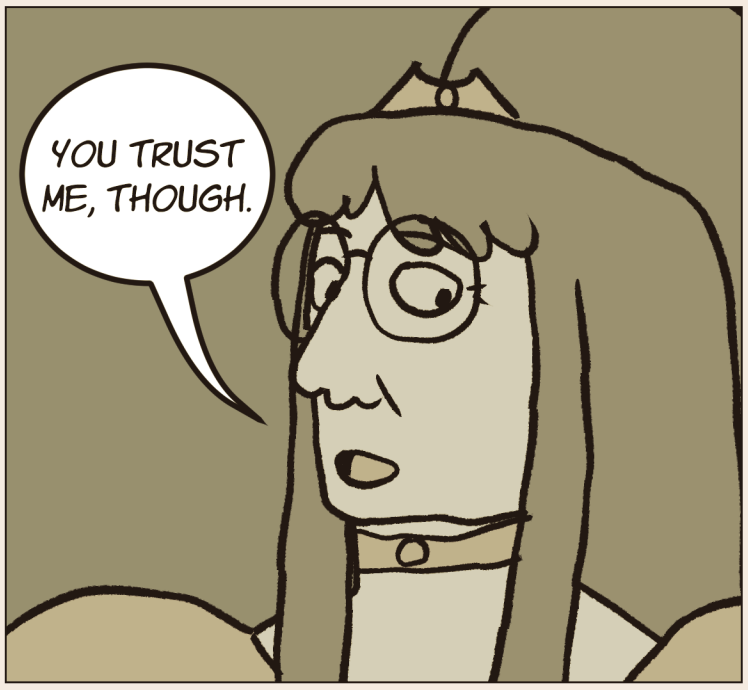

I CAN SEE WHY YOU LIKE HER!

WH- YOU-
I- I NEVER- I TOLD YOU TO STOP READING MY MIND!

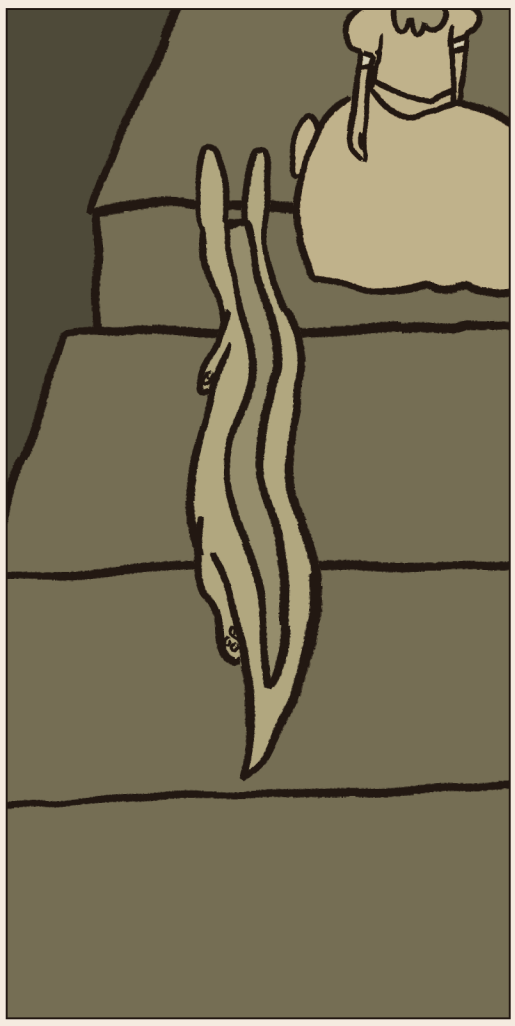
BESIDES...
YOU DIDN'T SEEM ALL THAT INTERESTED WHEN YOU FIRST MET.
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE...

I NEVER REALLY TRUSTED ANYONE WHO WASN'T MY CREATOR.


YOU TRUST ME, THOUGH.

DON'T YOU?
OF COURSE I DO!
YOU SAVED ME FROM THE BOOK!

DO I REMIND YOU OF YOUR CREATOR AT ALL?



TOPAZ?

WELL...
YES. BUT ALSO,
NO...

IF YOU'RE GOING TO INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE AT ALL, YOU CAN LEAVE THAT PART OUT.

WHAT, NO!

I WAS JUST THINKING...

YOU SOMETIMES SAY THINGS THAT REMIND ME OF HIM.

LIKE WHAT?

THE...

THE NOT NICE THINGS.

B-BUT I WAS ALWAYS IN THE WRONG!

I'D MESS UP, AND HE'D GET MAD, AND...

AND...

TOPAZ...

I'M SORRY.

Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE! HE WAS VERY GOOD TO ME, DESPITE EVERYTHING.

NO, I MEAN...

I'M SORRY FOR... SAYING THOSE NOT NICE THINGS TO YOU. YOU... NEVER DESERVED IT. I JUST-

I GET FRUSTRATED, AND ANXIOUS, AND I FREAK OUT SOMETIMES. I NEVER WANT TO TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEONE ELSE, BUT...

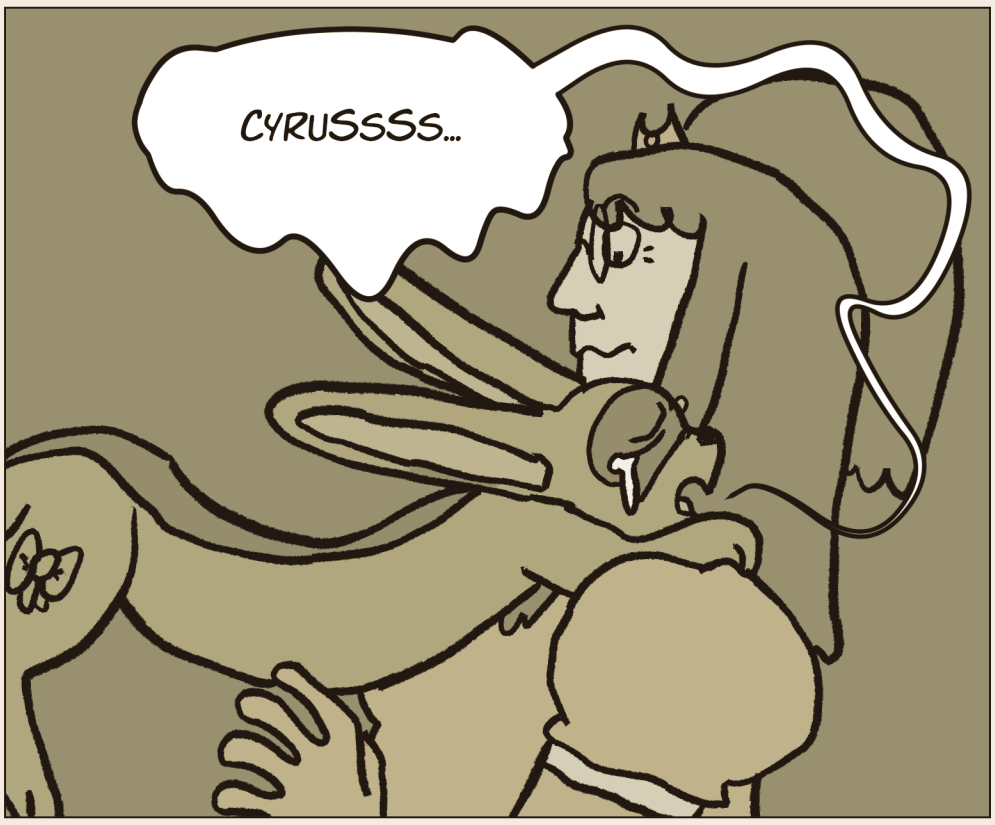
I ENDED UP TAKING IT OUT ON YOU.

I SAW YOU AS THE SOURCE FOR ALL OF WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME, BUT YOU'RE JUST AS CONFUSED AS I AM.

HELL, YOU'RE IN A BRAND NEW WORLD AND I'VE BEEN TREATING YOU TERRIBLY, LIKE YOU CAUSED ALL THIS.

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO HELP. YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN. I'VE JUST BEEN STUBBORN ABOUT ACCEPTING IT.

SO, I'M SORRY.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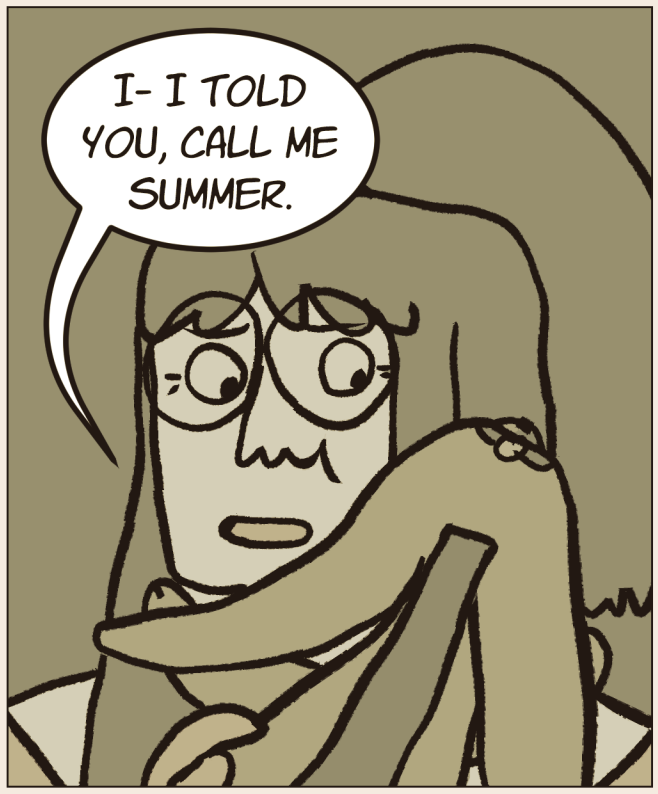
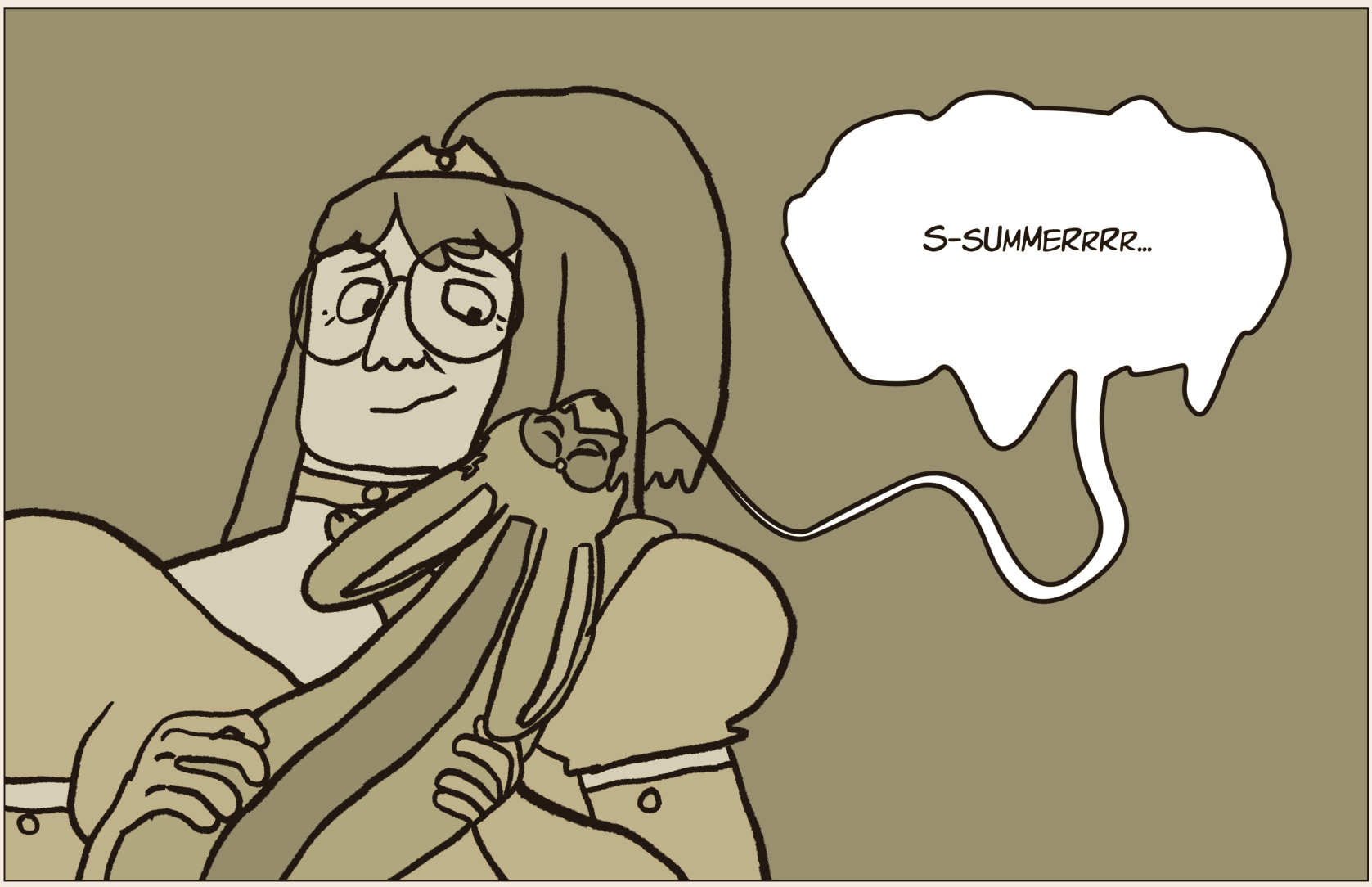
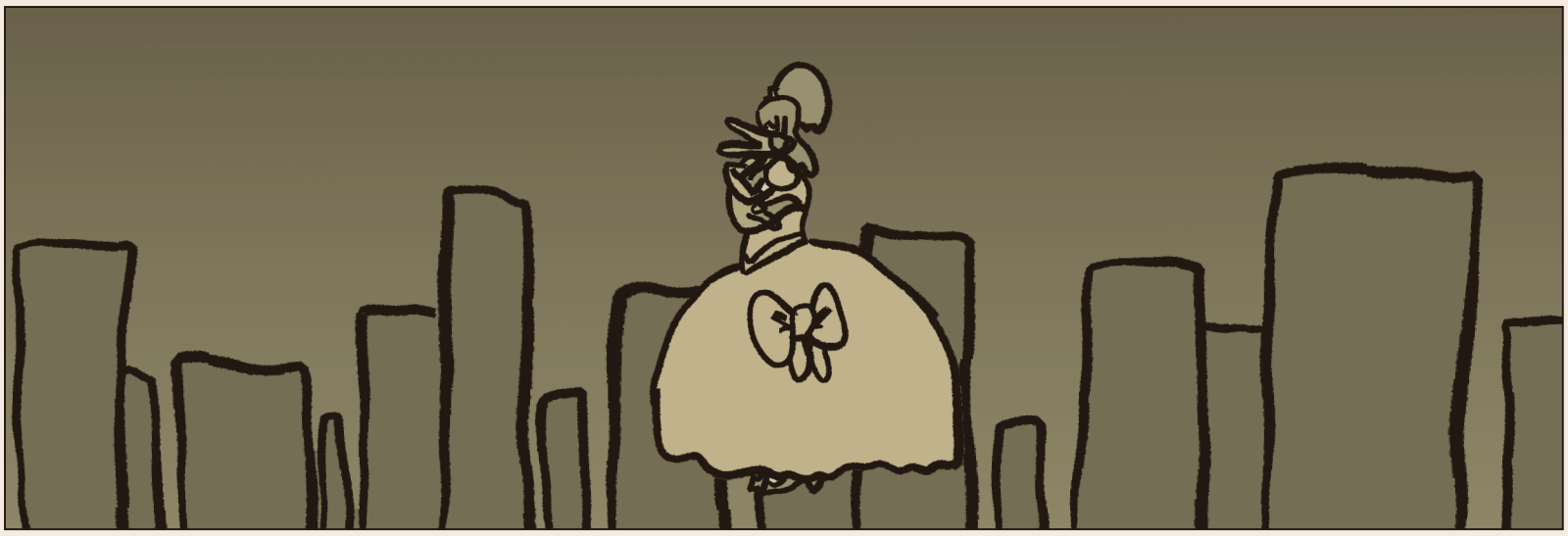

I- I TOLD YOU, CALL ME SUMMER.


S-SUMMERRRR...



IT'S DOWN THERE.
RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT IT...

OKAY,

HERE WE GO.

I-

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

IN THIS.

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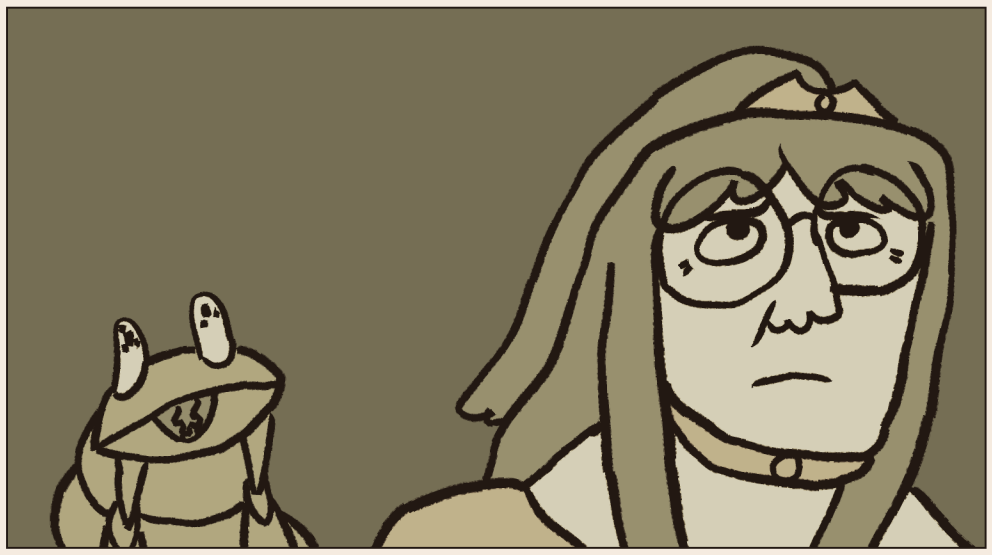
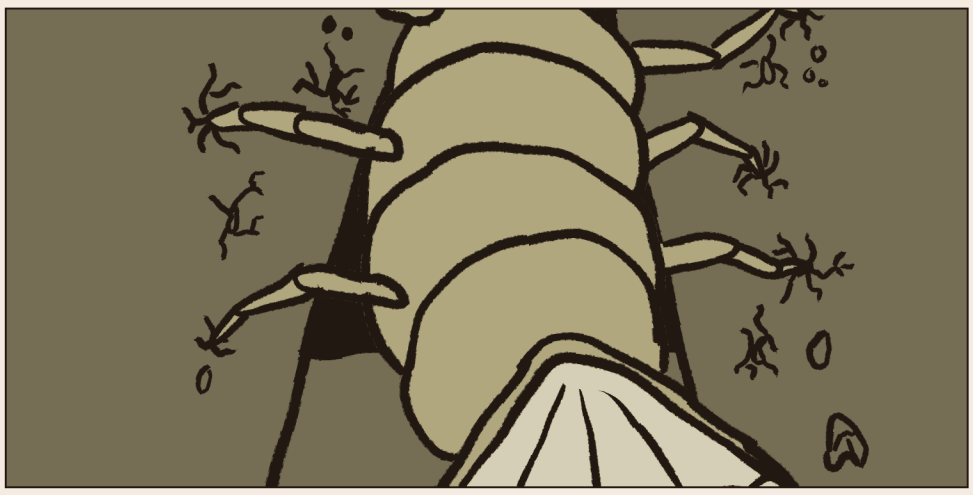
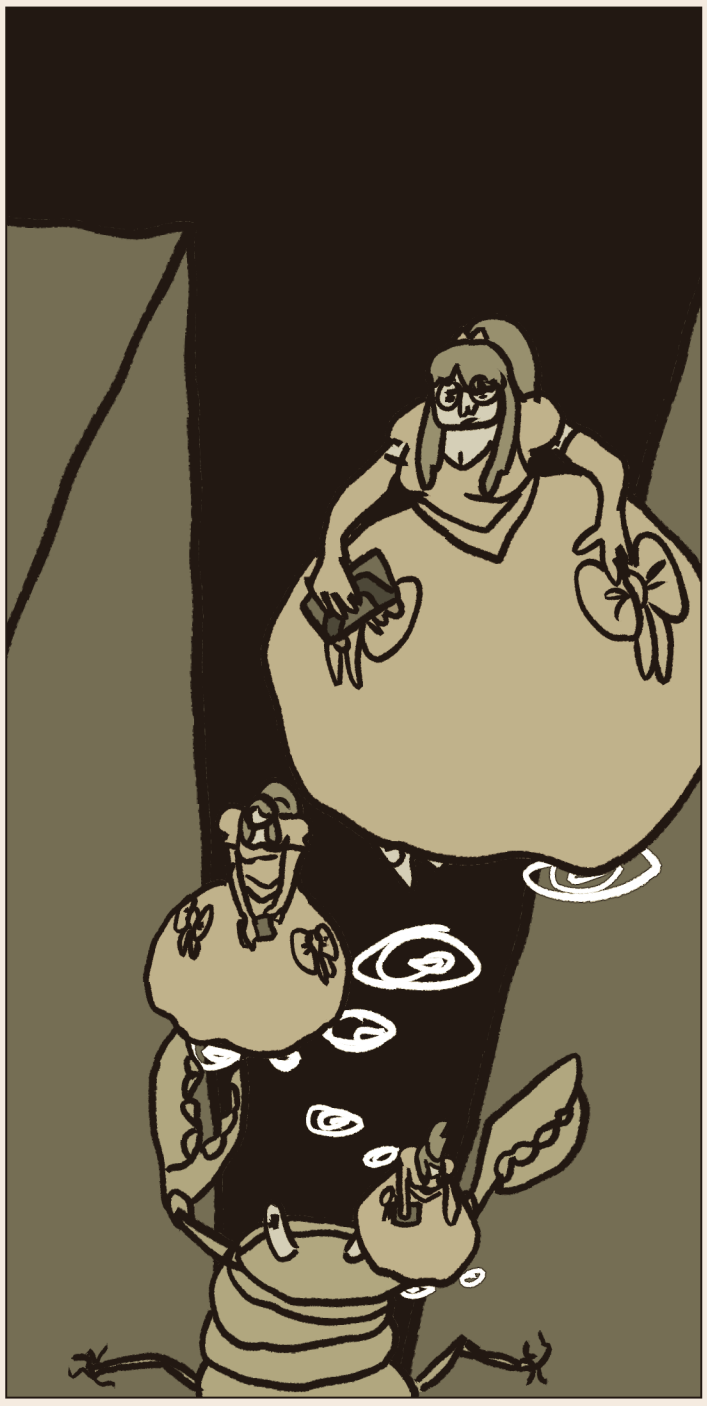
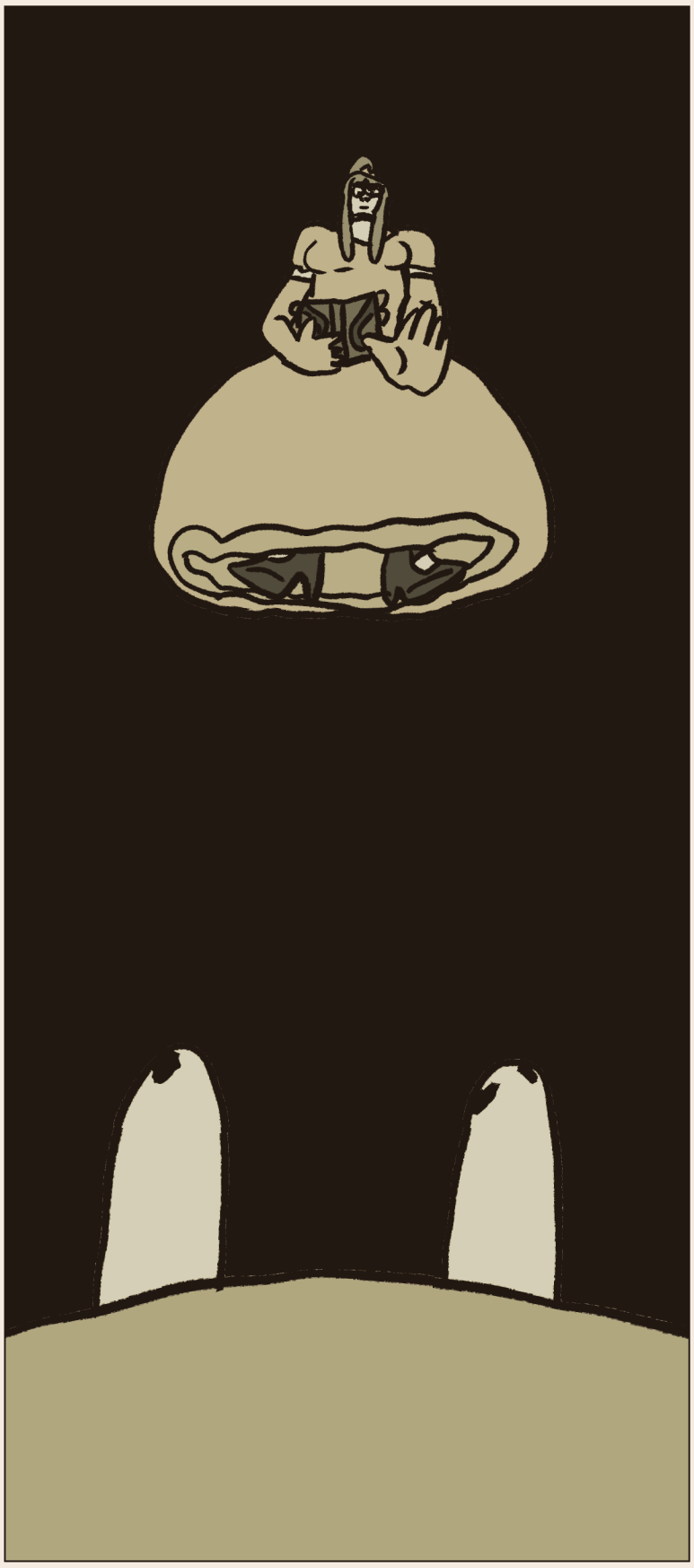
SCREECH

DAMN...
THIS NEEDS TIME TO WORK, BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY STAY STILL.





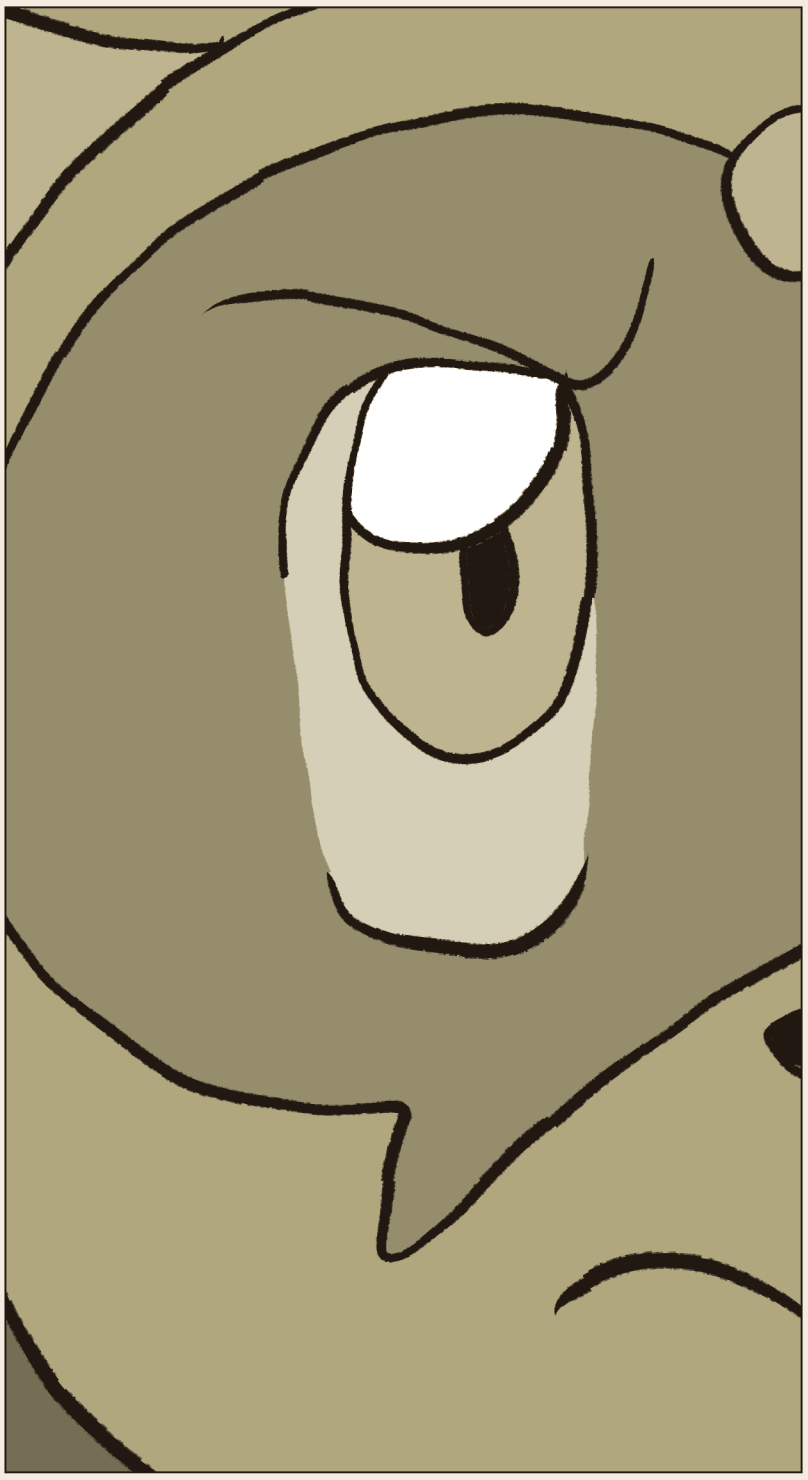




I NEED TO GET CLOSER TO THEM... IT DOESN'T WORK WHEN I'M THIS FAR AWAY.

I'LL TAKE THE CLAWS OUT OF THE PICTURE.

CLICK
CLICK
SCREECH
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
SCREECH
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
FIZZ
BUBBLE
SHIT!!
hiiiissssssssss
SUMMER!



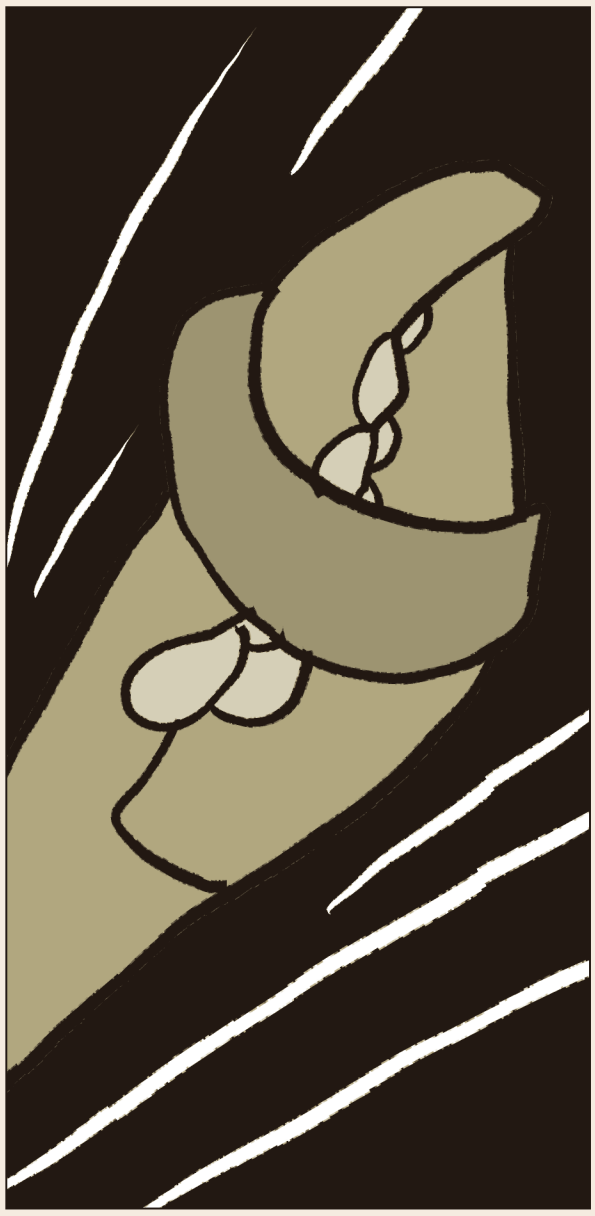
I'LL DISTRACT IT!

DON'T!

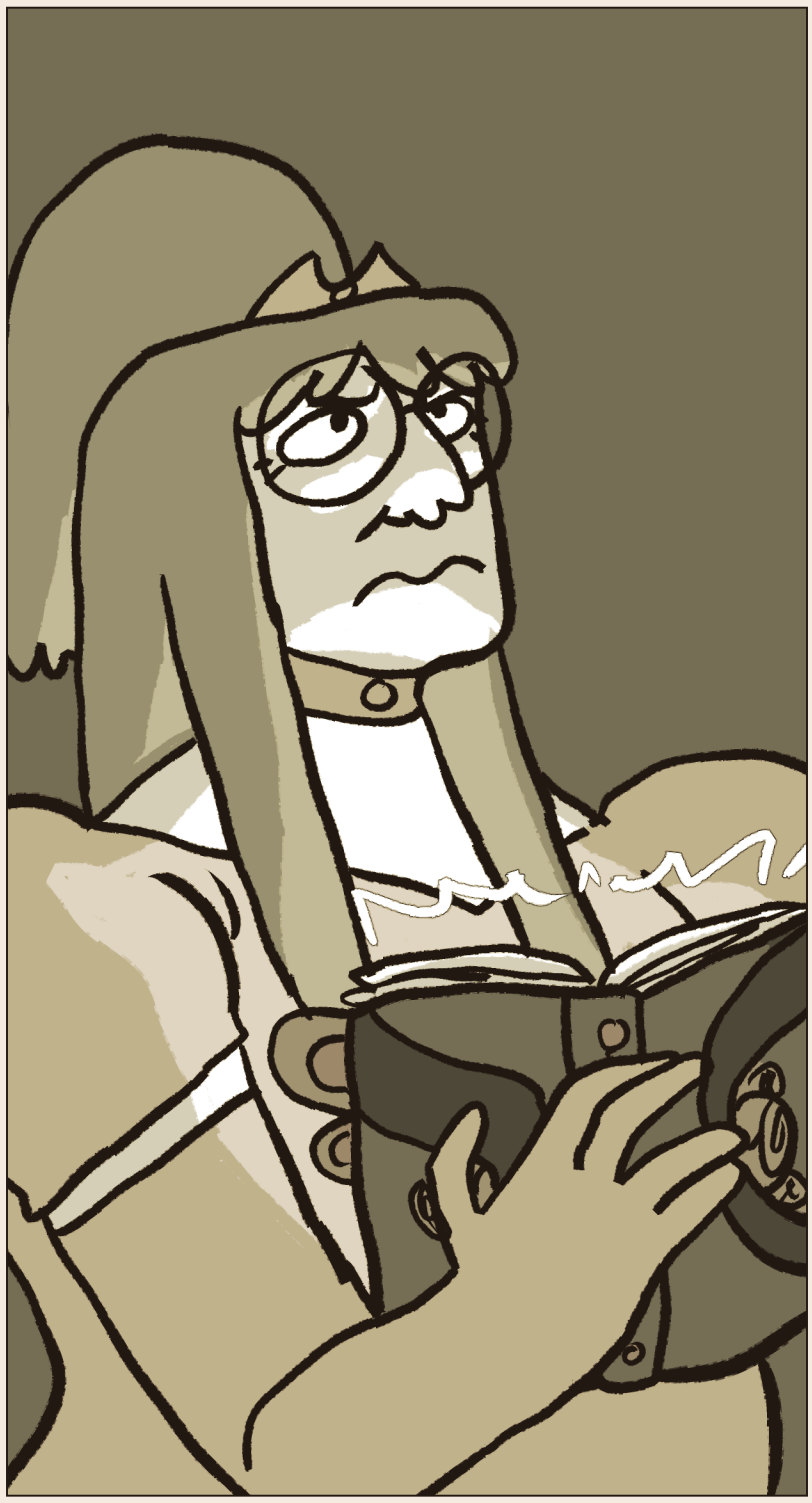
TOPAZ, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

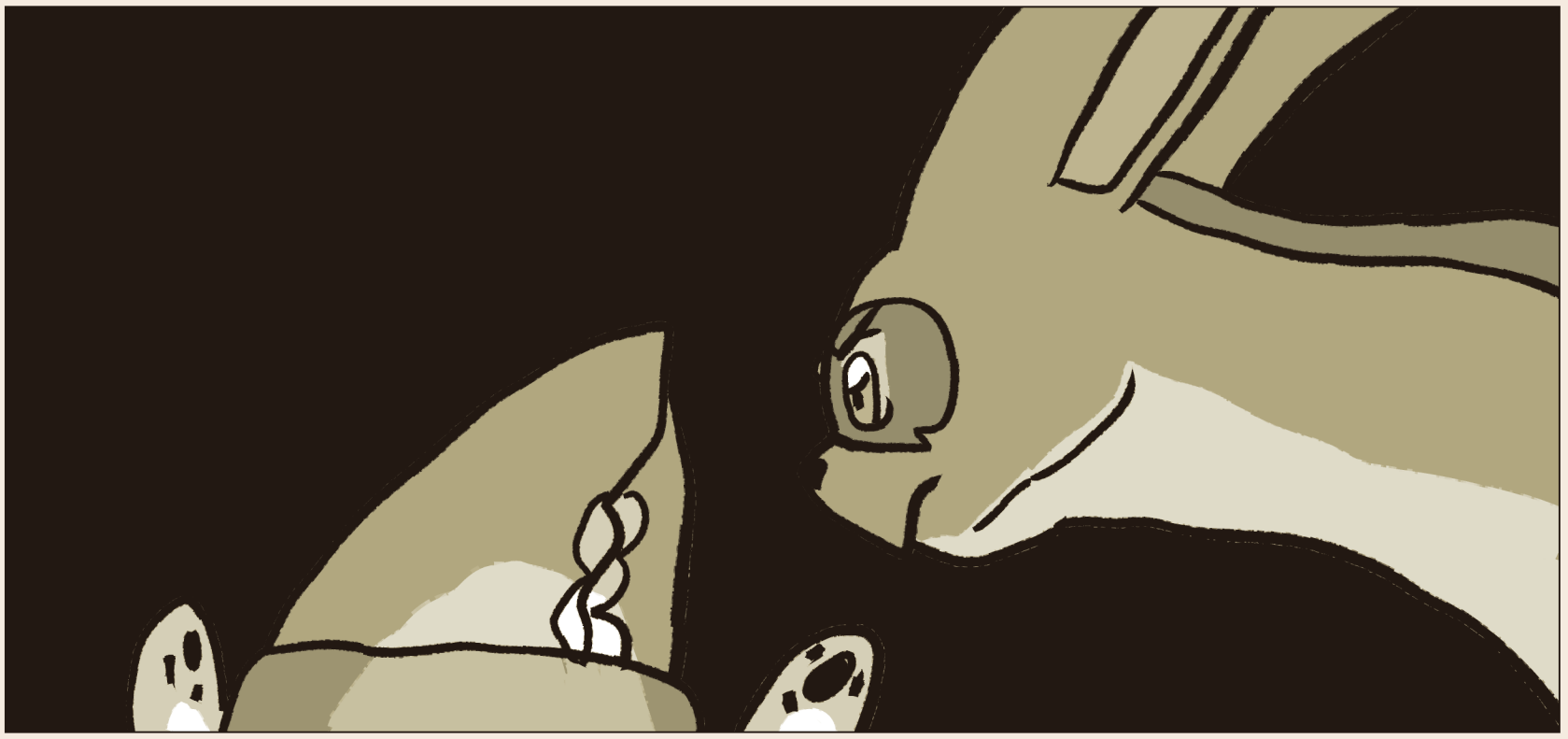
LET ME DO THIS!

I CAN HELP! PLEASE!

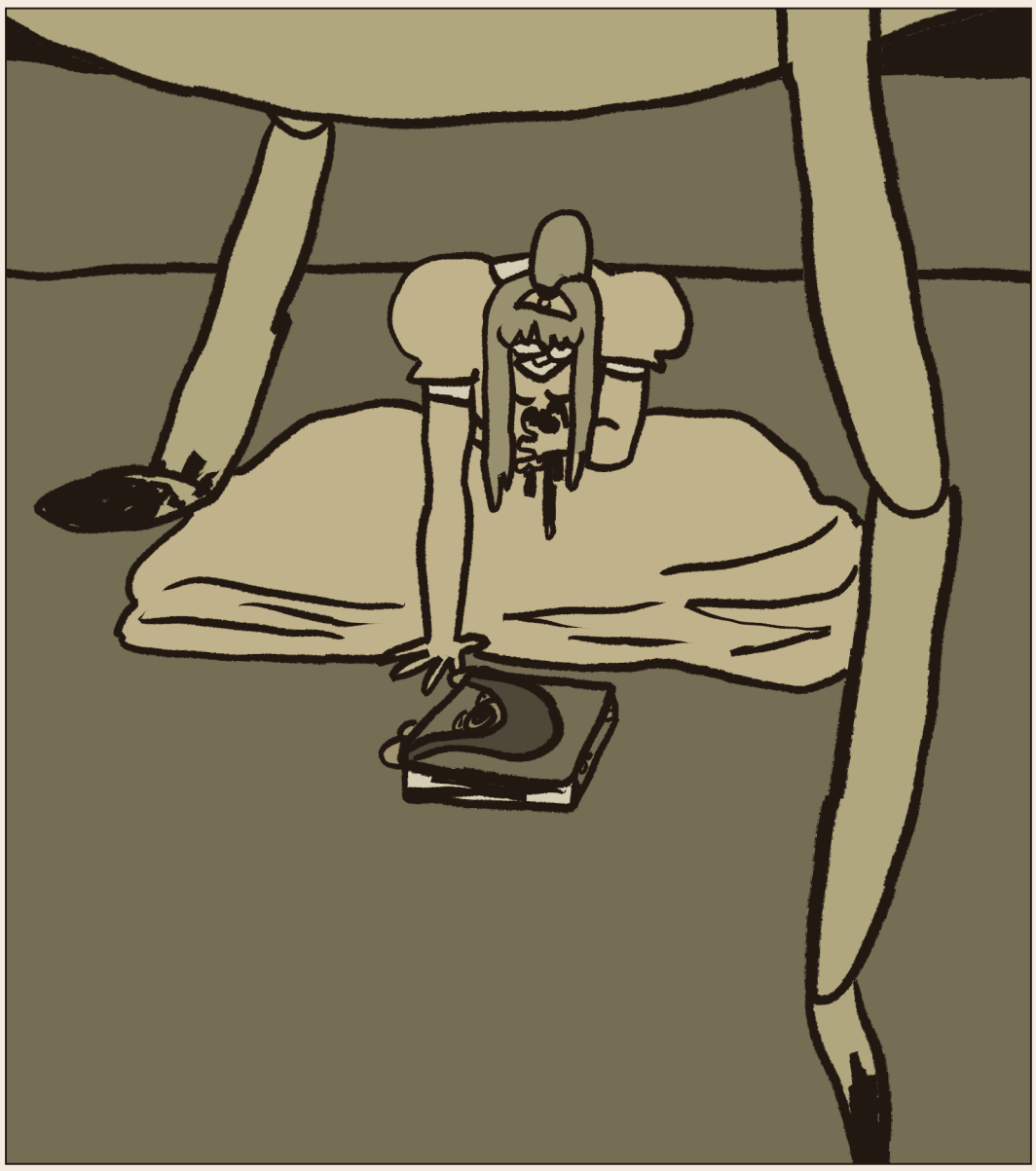


SUMMER, NOW!
DO IT!

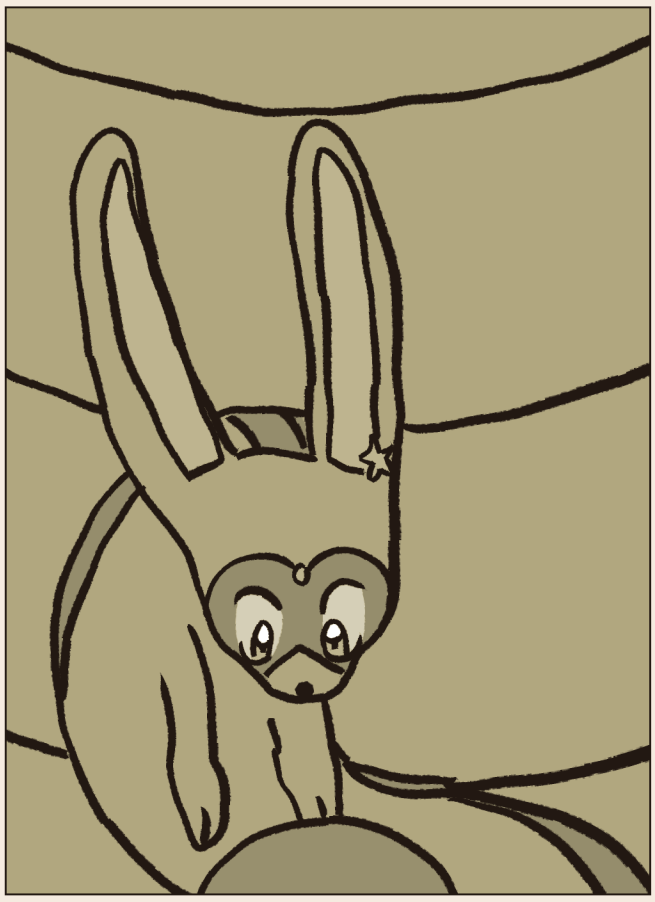




WAIT, NO-!

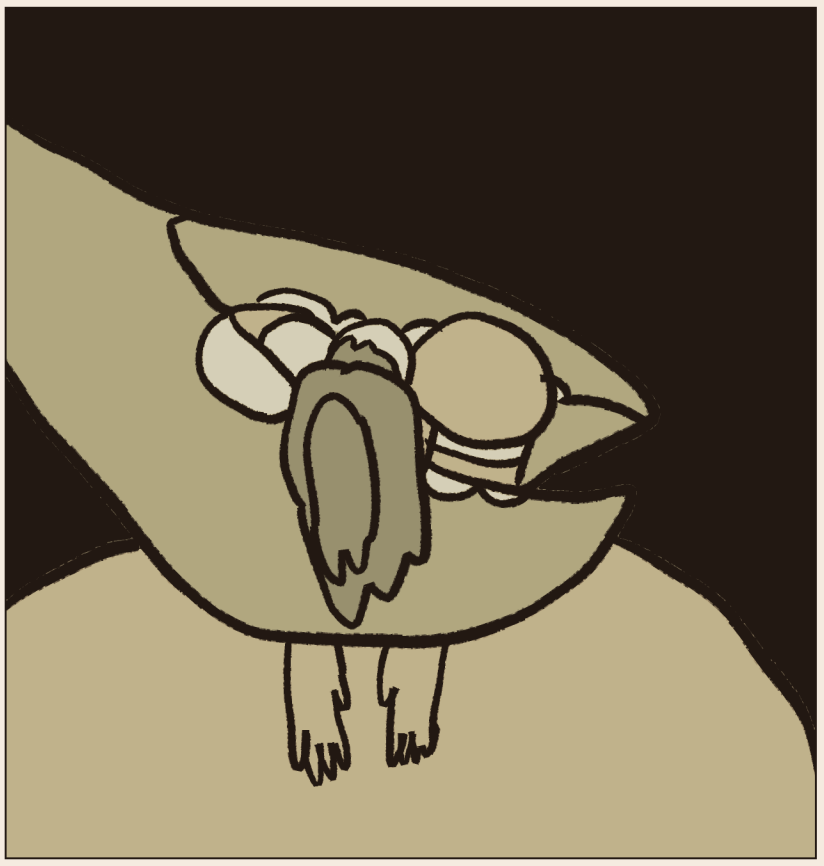


Y-YOU CAN HEAL FROM THIS! YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY!!

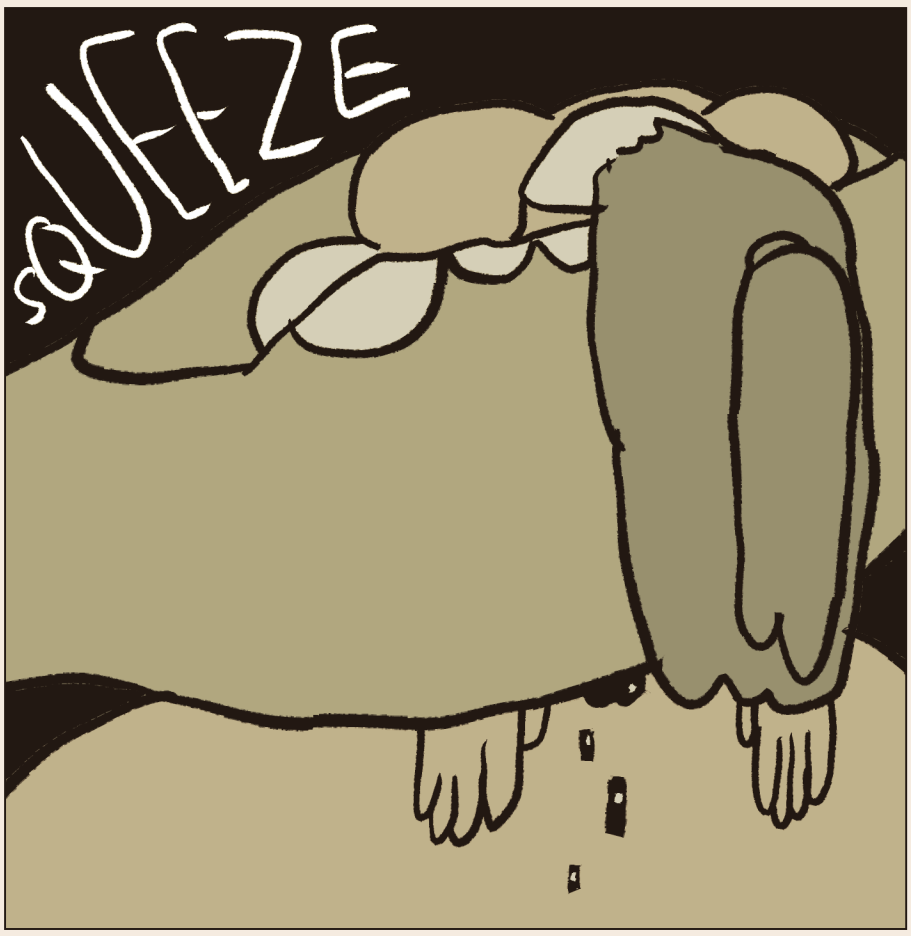


SCREECH

CRACK

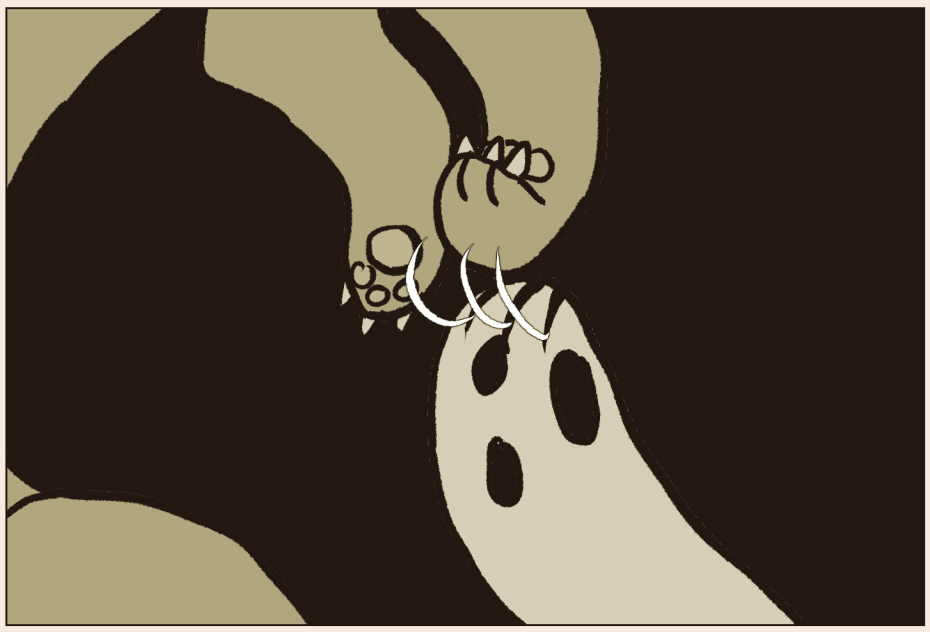


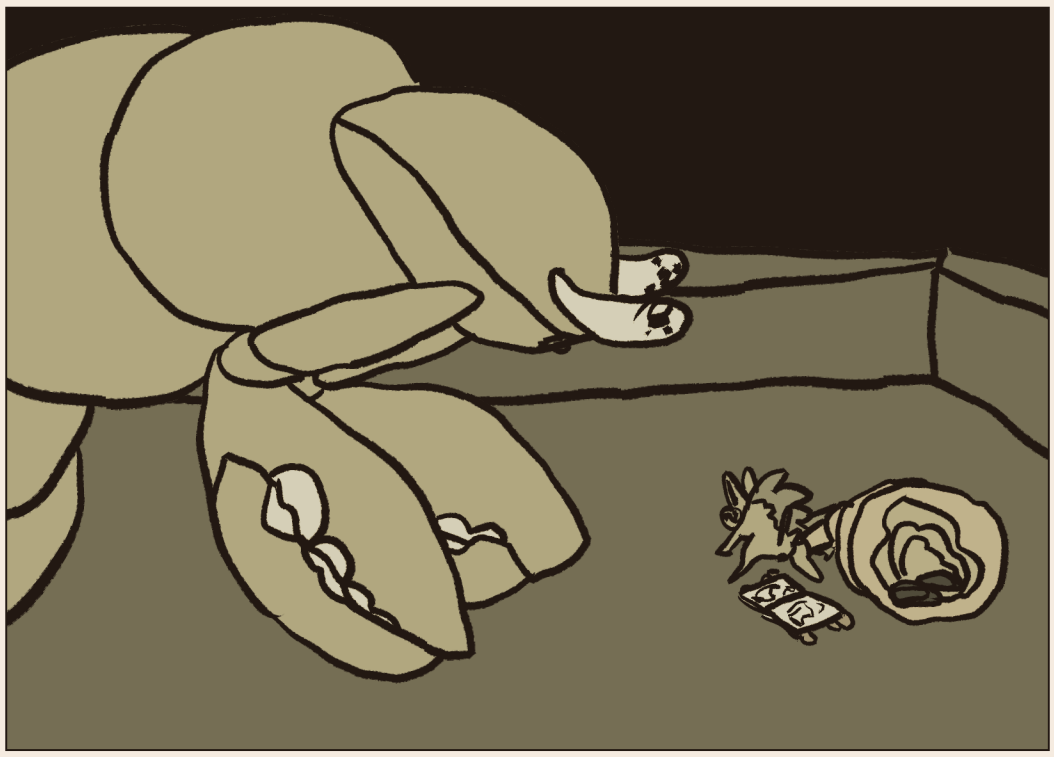
STOP!
DON'T!
PLEASE!!


SQUEEZE

NO, NO, NO- PLEASE, LOOK AT ME!

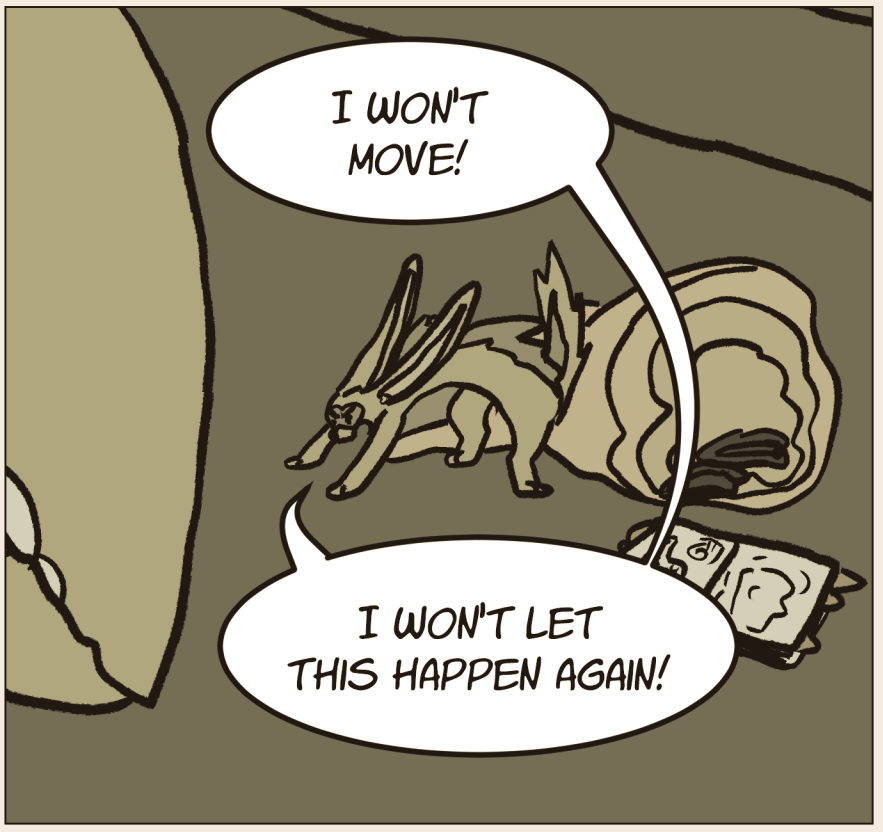
LEAVE HIM ALONE, PLEASE PLEASE, PLEASE...





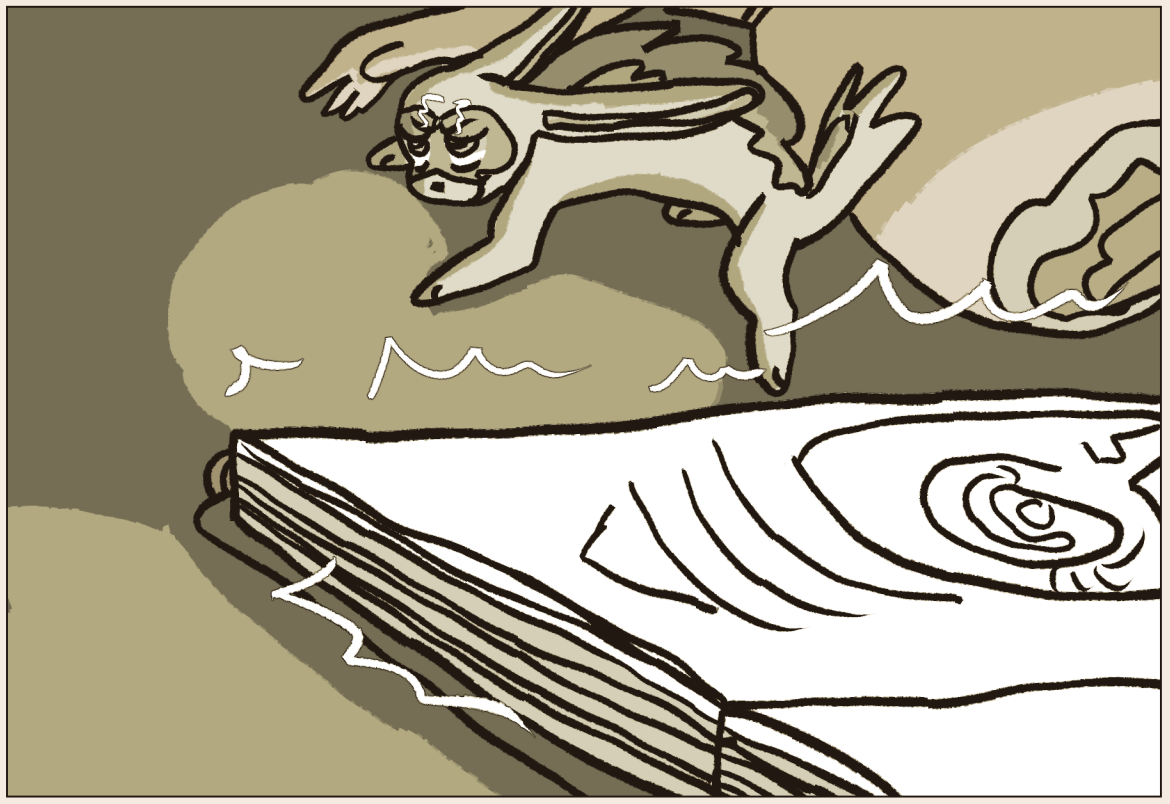
YOU WON'T HURT HIM ANYMORE!
YOU WON'T LAY A CLAW ON HIM!!

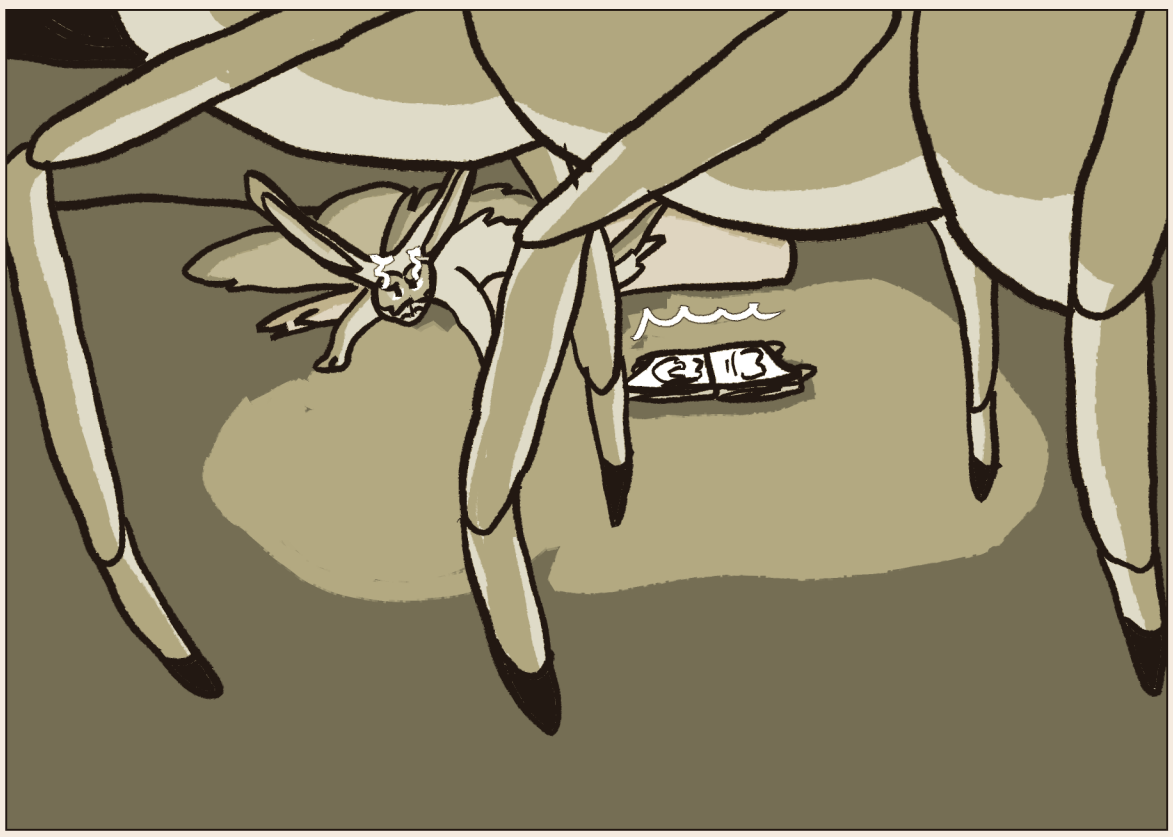
IF YOU WANT TO GET TO HIM,
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!!

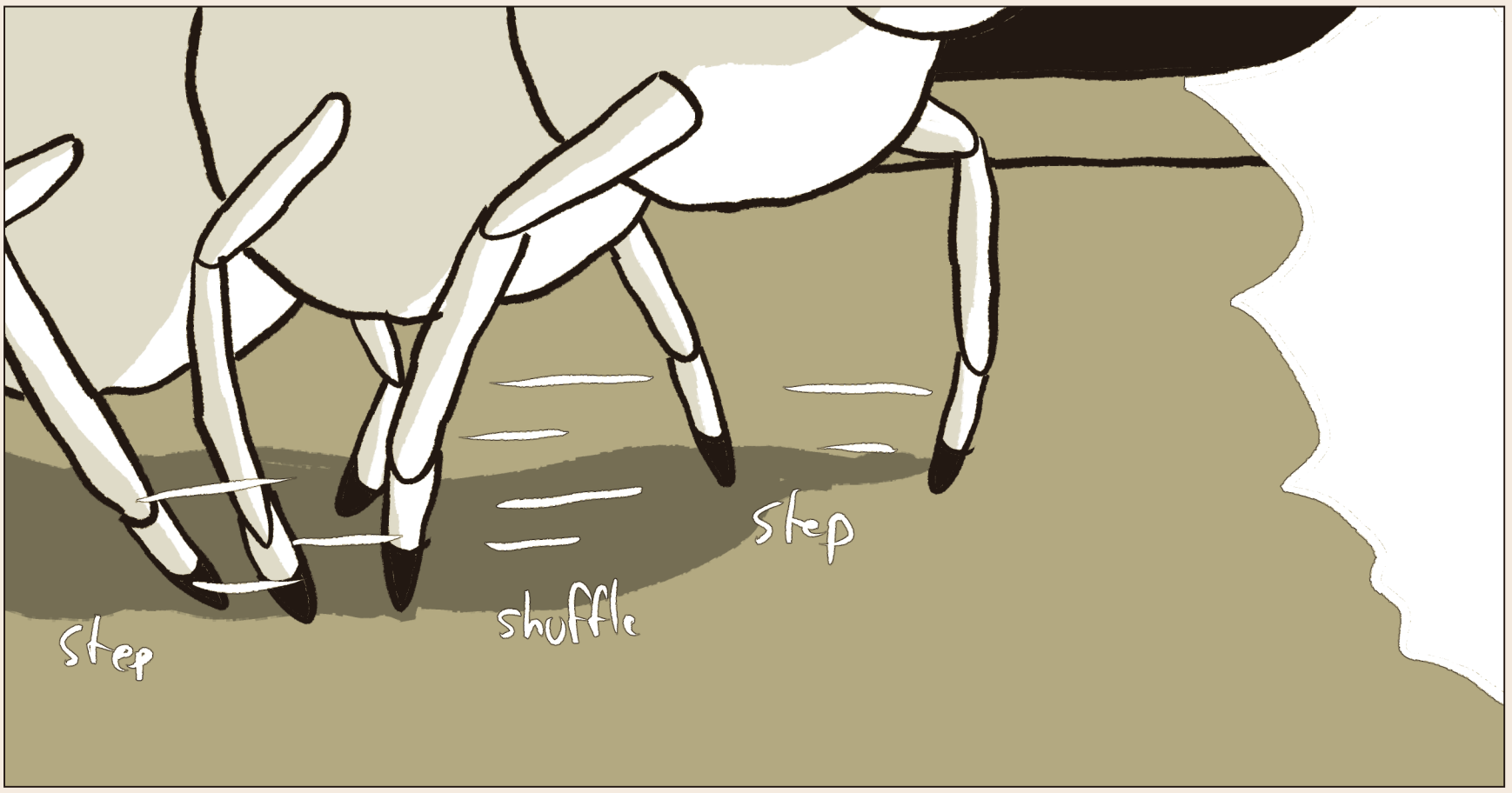

I WON'T MOVE!
I WON'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!

YOU CAN MAIM ME,
YOU CAN KILL ME IF YOU WANT!

BUT YOU WON'T TOUCH HIM!!!



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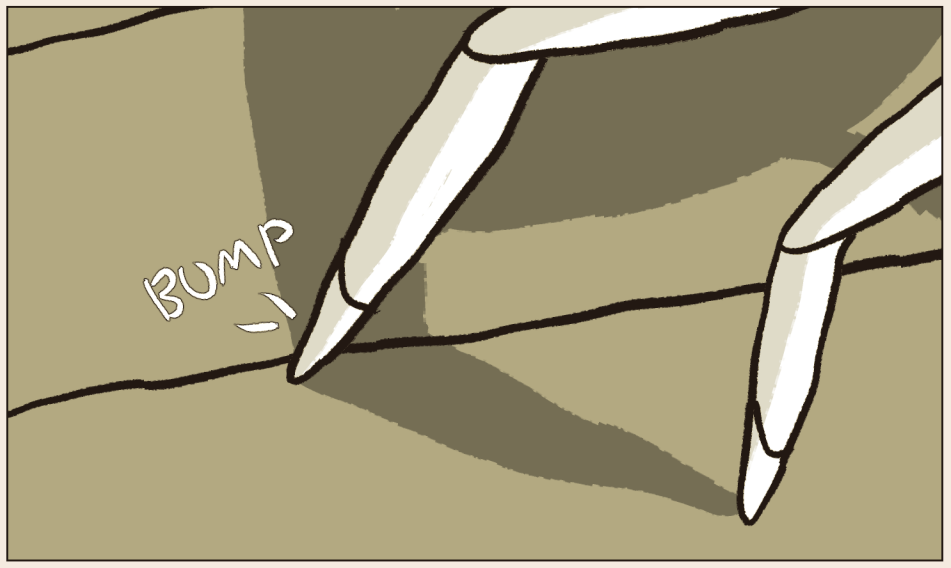
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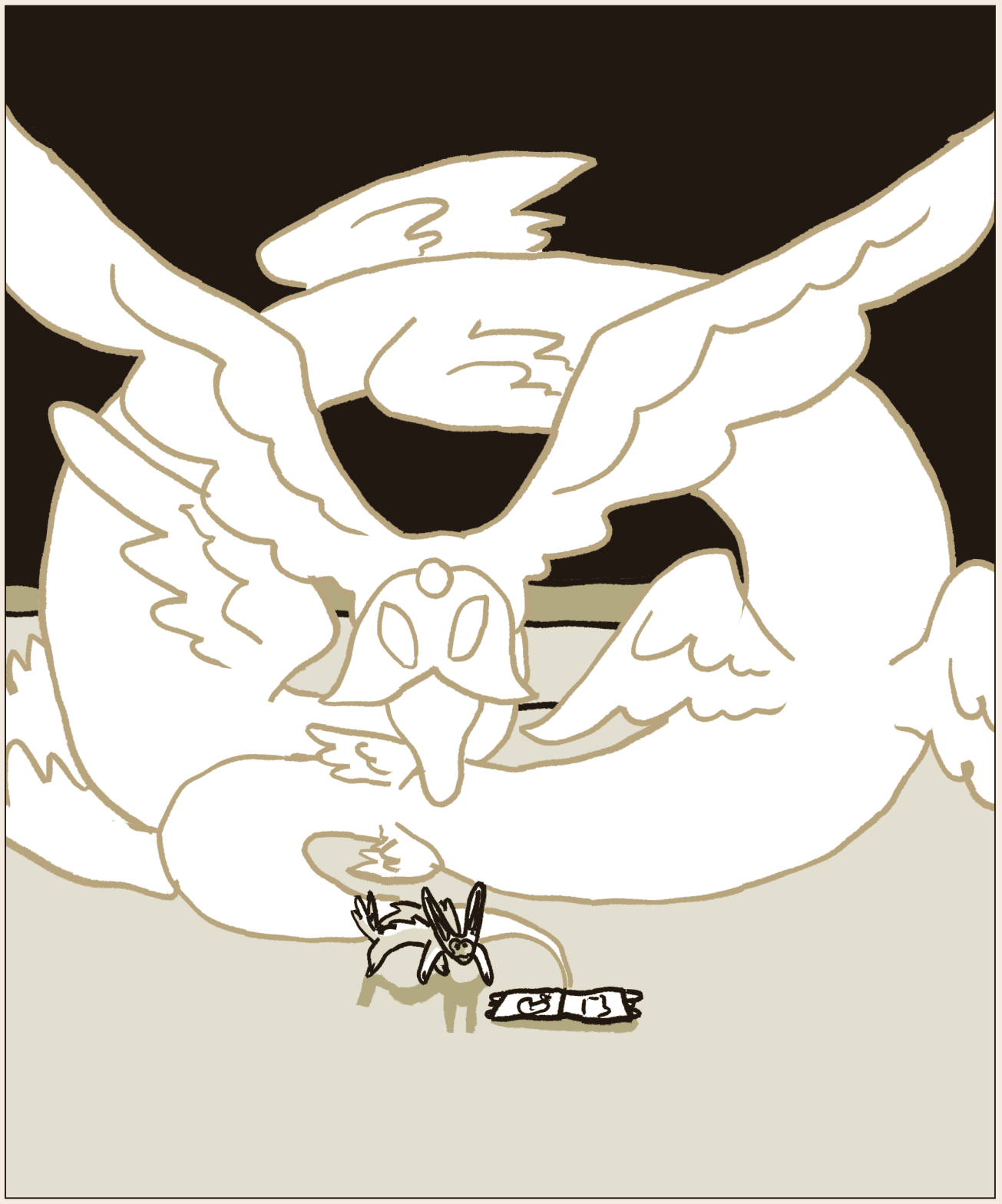

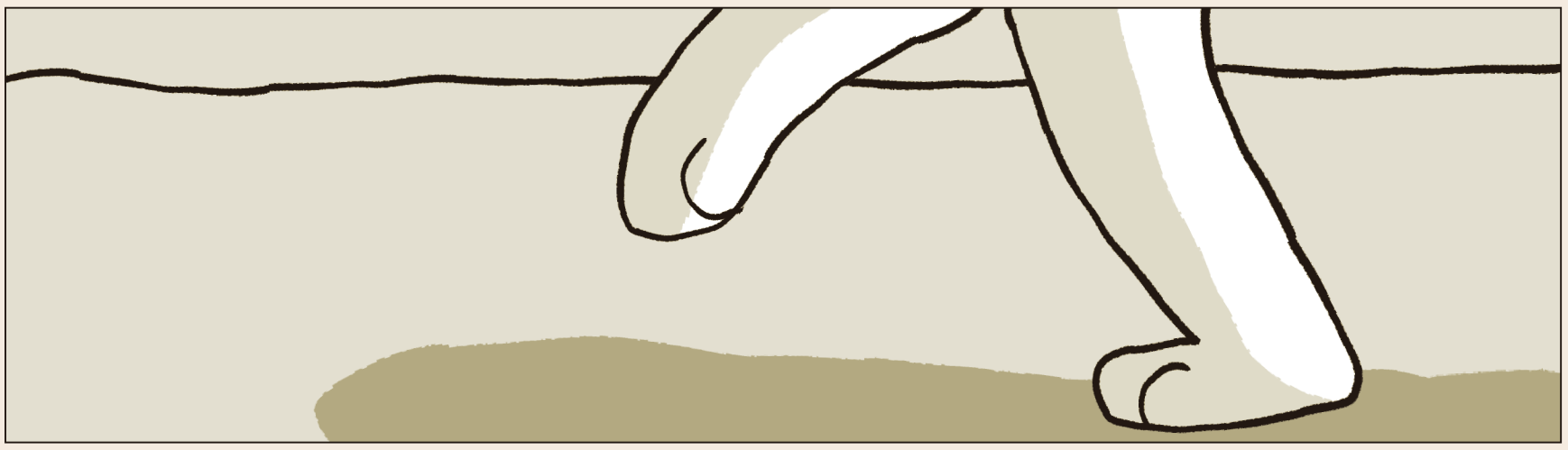

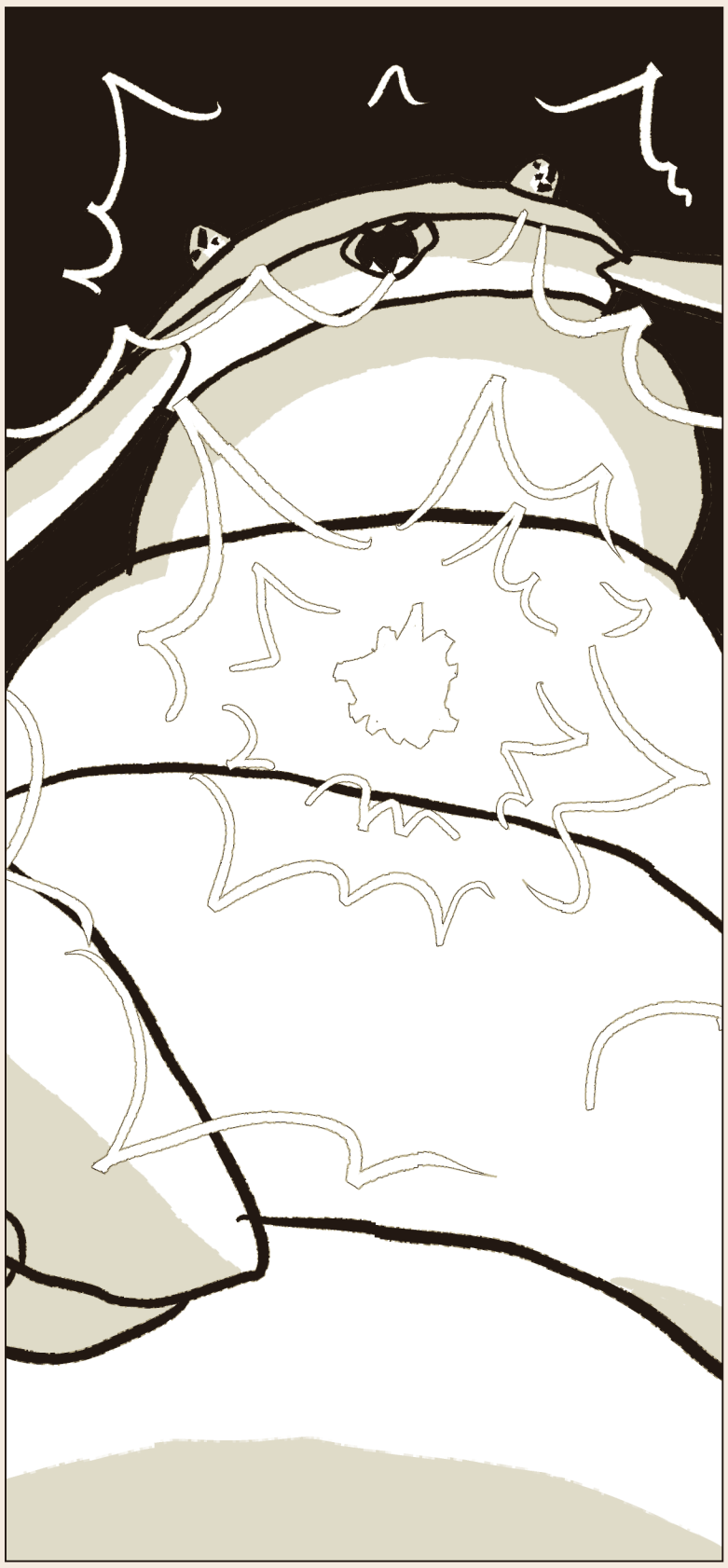

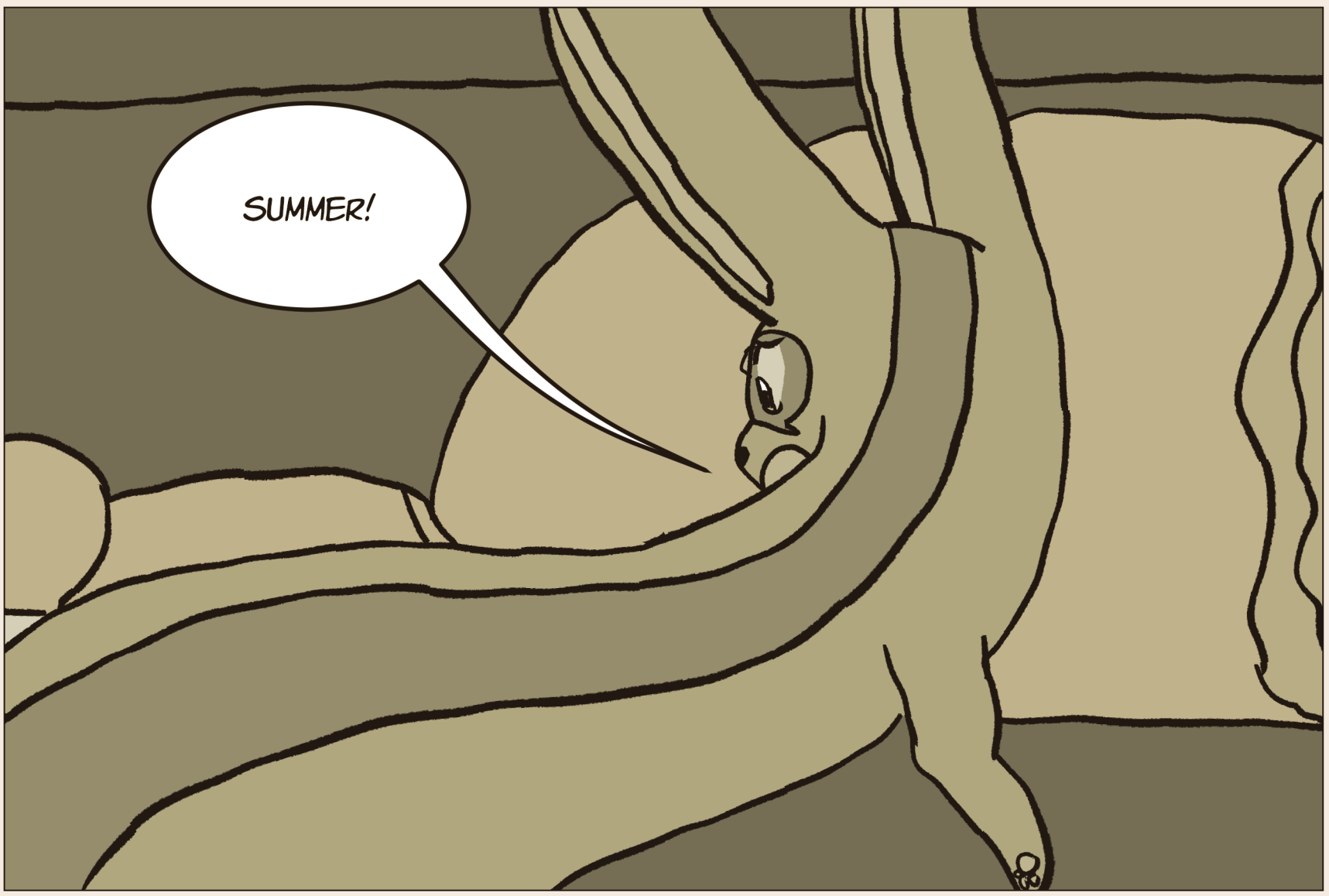
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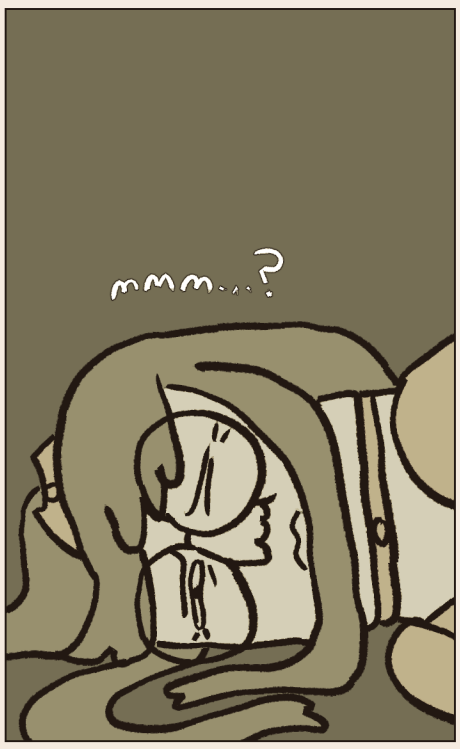
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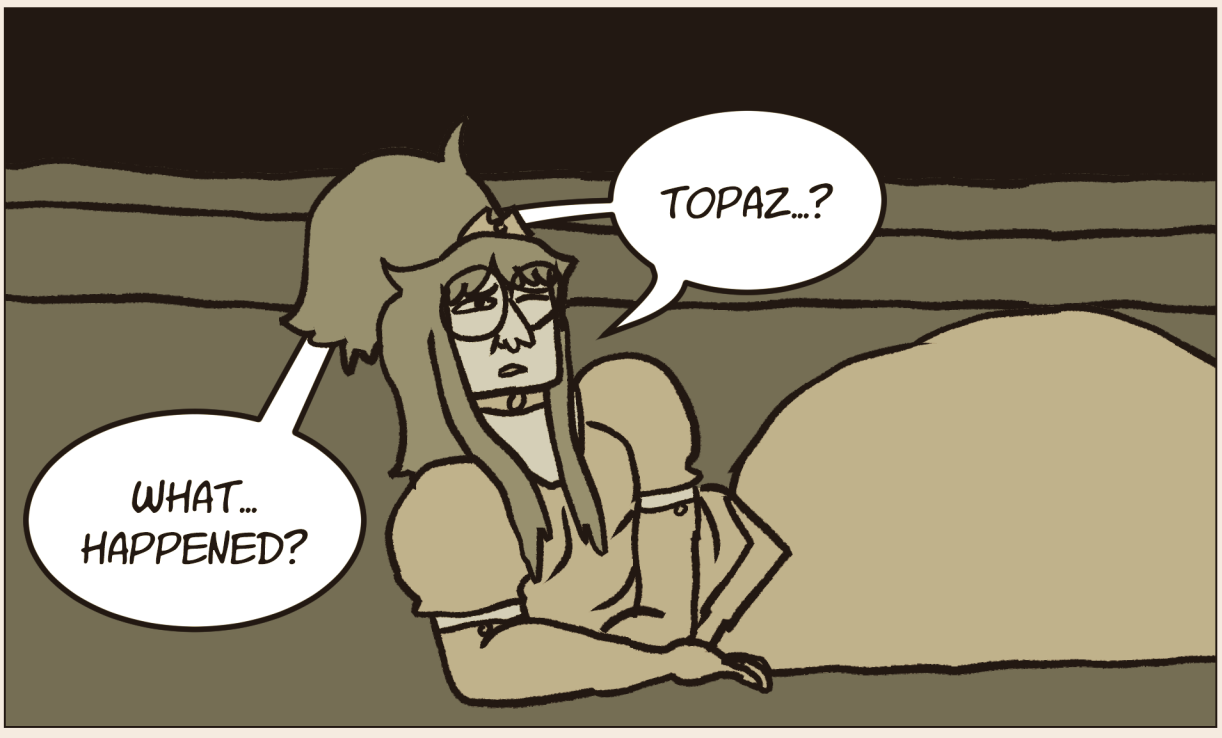

TOPAZ...?
WHAT... HAPPENED?

I-

I...

DON'T KNOW.

I THINK-
THE BOOK.

BUT, I
ALSO...

I THINK I
CAN USE MAGIC?

THAT'S-

Ow

THAT'S GREAT, TOPAZ, BUT HOW?

I- I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T- I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

ALL THAT TIME,

HE TOLD ME I COULDN'T-

THAT I WAS-

WAS USELESS.

BUT I COULD! I COULD...

WHY...

WHY NOW?

AND-

AND WHY ONLY THIS?

I COULD...

I COULD HAVE...

TOPAZ-
HEY-

I COULD HAVE SAVED PEOPLE.

IT'S- IT'S OKAY, TOPAZ.

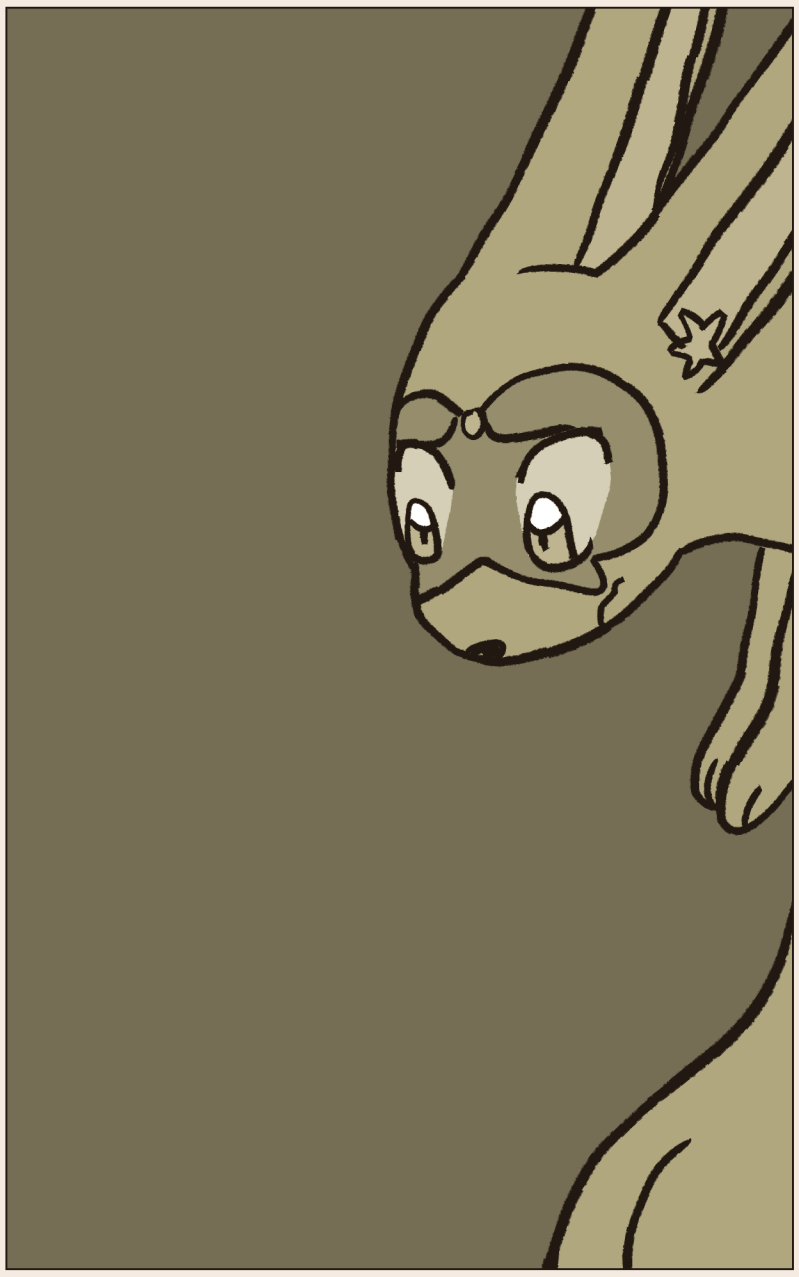
YOU WERE RIGHT!
YOU WERE RIGHT, ALL THIS TIME.
THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY.

HE MADE ME- HE MADE ME, HE HAD TO HAVE KNOWN THAT I COULD DO THIS, SO WHY DID HE CALL ME USELESS?

WHY DID WE KILL ALL THOSE PEOPLE-

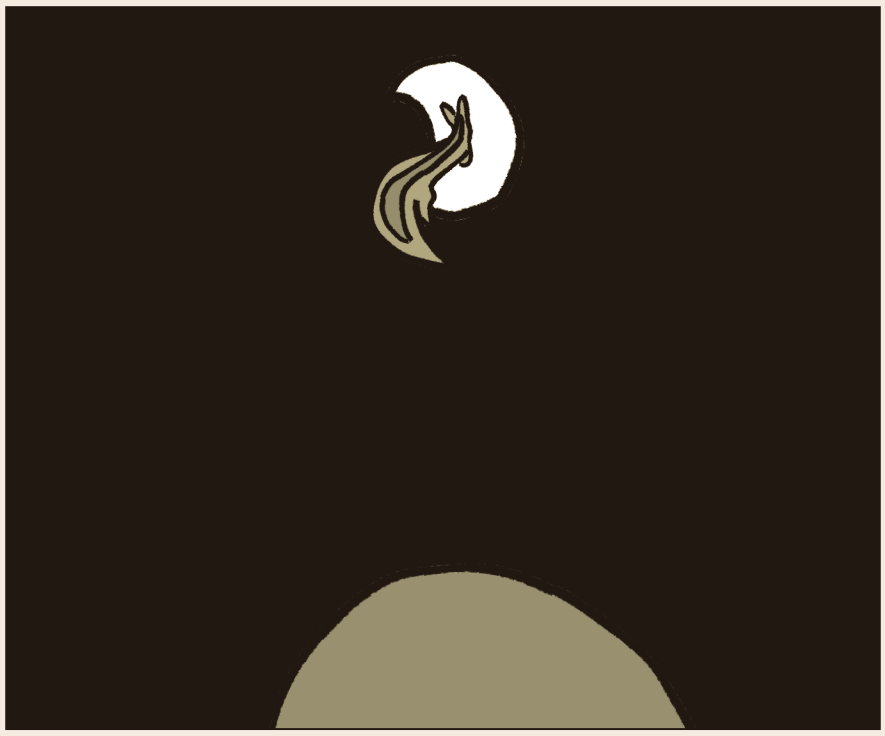
TOPAZ!

TOPAZ,
IT'S OKAY.



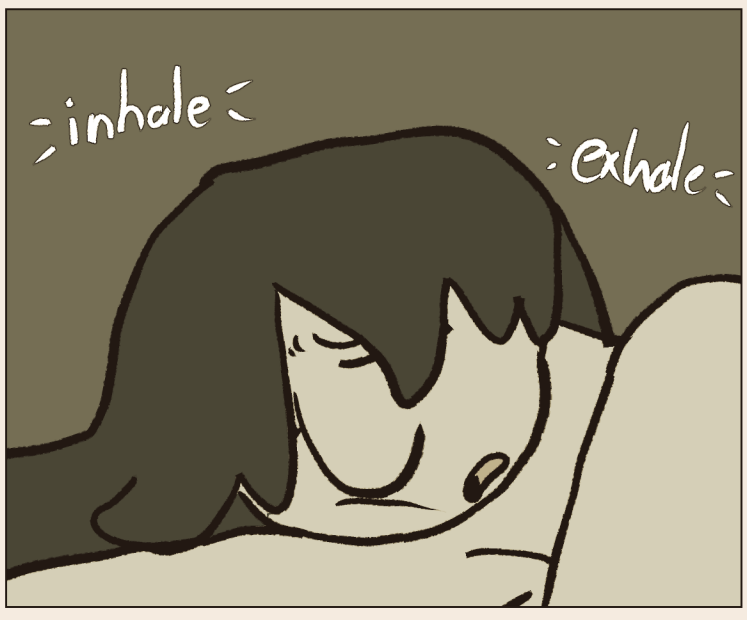
I- I
NEED TO-
I NEED
TO GO.

WAIT, TOPAZ!



SHIT.

IS HE
STILL ALIVE...?


:inhale:
:exhale:

...LET'S GET YOU
SOMEWHERE
SAFE.